Cuba Told Castro Kin Has Defected

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HAVANA (UPI) — Cubans learned Friday for the first time of the defection of Prime Minister Fidel Castro's sister, Juana, and her denunciation of his communist regime from exile in Mexico.

Government newspapers Friday morning carried texts of Castro's statements to newsmen at a Canadian embassy reception Wednesday night in which he said Juana's defection was "very bitter and profoundly painful" for him.

Juana told a Mexican press conference that her brother has converted Cuba into an island prison and betrayed the Cuban revolution to Soviet imperialism. Her remarks were not printed here.

Castro accused the U. S. embassy in Mexico of having drafted the denunciation his sister made against his government.

The government Friday announced creation of a ministry of the sugar industry, to be headed by Lt. Oralando Borrego.

The new ministry will be commissioned with the "direction, supervision and execution of sugar policy throughout the nation," a cabinet decree said.

The new agency will be charged with achieving Castro's goal of 10 million tons of production by 1970, up from last year's postwar low of 3.8 million tons.

Nichol L. Hutton, representative of British Commonwealth filmed news agencies, departed for London Friday after successfully negotiating a contract to supply British films to the Cuban Radiodifusion Institute.